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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Caribbean Fishery Management Council's (Council) Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management Technical Advisory Panel (EBFM TAP) will hold a two-day hybrid meeting to address the items on the tentative agenda included in the

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

DATES: The EBFM TAP hybrid meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday, March 17, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The meeting will be at Eastern Standard Time.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items included in the tentative agenda will be discussed:

March 16, 2022

9 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

-Roll Call

-Adoption of Agenda

-Approval of Minutes

-TAP Chair Introduction – Sennai Habtes

9:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

-Ecosystem Components On-Going Work

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

-Smithsonian Mangrove Project US Caribbean – Susan Kotikot, Steven Canty

10:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

-Break

10:40 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

-Mellivora Consulting Conceptual Models – Michelle Duval

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

-Introduction of NOAA-Fisheries SEFSC Caribbean Branch Staff (Strategic Plan)

-Southeast Fishery Science Center (SEFSC) Inventory Update – Kevin McCarthy and Rachel Eckley

11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

-SEDAR-Stock Assessment Matrix – Kevin McCarthy, SEFSC

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

-Lunch Break

1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

-Net Gain Alliance – Improve Data for Fisheries Data Needs: Digital Modernization Project -(<https://www.netgainsalliance.org/>)

1:45 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.

-EBFM Workshop Summary – Tauna Rankin (EBFM Working Group’s Workshop on Ecosystem Status Report Applications)

2:05 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.

-CFMC’s Outreach and Education Advisory Panel Update: Public Engagement – Alida Ortiz

2:20 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

-Break

2:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

-Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Product Development

2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

-Integrative analyses and visualization of SEAMAP-Caribbean (SEAMAP-C) data in Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands (aka The Gold Copy) – JJ Cruz Motta

3:15 p.m. – 4 p.m.

-Ecosystem Status Report: Ecosystem Indicators – Kelly Montenero, Mandy Karnauskas, SEFSC

4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

-Sargasso Mapping – William Hernández/Roy Armstrong

-Sargasso Impacts on Plankton and Hypoxia – Áurea Rodríguez, Ernesto Otero

-CARICOOS Science: Oceanography and Biology – Julio Morell

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9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

-Fishery Ecosystem Plan Product Development (Continue)

- Status of Lenfest Conceptual Models – Tarsila Seara
- Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)-District Advisory Panels (DAPs) Models --
Liajay Rivera, Richard Appeldoorn
- Plan to Meld Conceptual Models – Potentially Create Task Force – Orian Tzadik
- Risk Assessment and Ecosystem Indicators – Tauna Rankin, JJ Mota, Richard Appeldoorn.
- Future Fishery Ecosystem Plan Product Development Discussion (Goals and Objectives-
CFMC)
- How to Develop Strategic Objectives
- Outreach to Other Territorial and Federal Agencies About Impacts to Marine
Environment that Affects EBFM
- Lenfest Stakeholder Involvement Project
- How to Develop Operational Objectives
- Overall FEP Outline (Review)
- 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.*
- Lunch Break
- 1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.*
- Other Themes for Discussion
- Status of Data Repository/Needs – Day 1 (Lenfest-Stacey Williams; SEAMAP-C JJ
Cruz Motta; other data sets – Orian Tzadik)
- SEFSC Caribbean Branch Data Set Update – Kevin McCarthy
- Legislative Update – Atlas (Marine Protected Areas, Area Based Management)
- Other EBFM Project Incorporation – Sennai Habtes and Kevin McCarthy

The order of business may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items. The meeting will begin on March 16, 2022, at 9 a.m. EST, and will end on March 17, 2022 at 5 p.m. EST. Other than the start time, interested

parties should be aware that discussions may start earlier or later than indicated, at the discretion of the Chair.

Special Accommodations

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